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To: Colonel L. K. White, Chief, FBIB.

From: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS.

Subject: Report of Activities of London Bureau Covering Month Ending
15 August 1948.

I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

At the request of Mr. Mallory Browne, newly appointed Public Affairs Officer and Minister Counselor to the American Embassy London, a special emergency service has been established whereby the [] wire desk will notify the Ambassador's office of any major Moscow announcement.

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So far there has only been slight opportunity of rendering this special service to the Ambassador but the machinery has been established and will be utilized in the future.

The special reports on the United Nations Economic and Social Council meeting in Geneva came to an end during the month with the adjournment of the meeting.

All questionnaires received from recipients of the daily reports have been assembled for dispatch to Washington, and those which have not as yet replied have been requested to do so in the near future.

Alien Personal History statements for all native personnel were turned over to the local Area Security Officer. It is anticipated that reports will be available from that office very soon.

II. Accomplishment of overall mission including firmly established individual objectives.

This has been an unsatisfactory month from the standpoint of communications. Almost daily reports from Frankfurt that radio conditions were so unsatisfactory that our traffic could not be handled were received.

A check on radio conditions [] did not always tally with the Frankfurt reports and an attempt is being made to straighten this matter out with the Signals Officer at Frankfurt.

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Nevertheless, a total of 752,848 words were transmitted (previous month 730,230 words). Of this 662,160 words were sent via Signals Corps facilities, while 90,788 words were transmitted via Western Union. G-2 EUCOM, OIC OMGUS and ODI OMGUS each received 97,480 words from the report section, while 30,950 words were transmitted to the American Embassy Paris.

The amount of material originated [] and relayed through London hit a new high total of 245,170 words.

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III. Proposals for improvement.

As mentioned in this section of last month's report the personnel situation remains acute. With the imminent opening of the General Assembly meeting in Paris an additional substantial load is placed on the report section. At the same time the possibility exists that one editor may be required to return quickly to the States on compassionate grounds. It is recommended that at the earliest possible date at least one, or preferably two additional editors be assigned to this bureau to help cope adequately with the increasing outside commitments and regular work.

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